

## Daily Eagle

## A NOVELIST'S DISAPPEARANCE.

Gone, Every Now and Then, for a Week or Ten Days—Mystery Explained.

Chance threw me some years ago among some newspaper men who were the intimates of a little school of writers for the popular story papers at a time when they were running the last glow in the embers of the Bohemianism which was glorified by Henry Clapp, George Arnold and the other choice but imprudent spirits who made the Sunday press the warder of journalism and Mad's cellar the most popular beer saloon in town. These relics of that time were also delightful cronies. No matter how elevated your taste in reading, be sure that some of them have delighted you in essays, poems, stories or descriptive articles. Complicated among them was a novelist. His genius, his fame and his prosperity caused him to be regarded as the master spirit, and well he kept his rank, for he was witty, original and as blithe as a canary. But the curious thing about him was that he would now and then disappear for a week or ten days. His landlady denied all knowledge of him. So did the bartenders in the saloons of rendezvous and the waiters in the restaurants he frequented. Just as suddenly he would reappear.

"Ah, friends," he would call out, "congratulate me. I am as free as a bird for three months. I have written a story that will run seventeen weeks and for that period shall have nothing on my mind. The common understanding was that his method of writing a novel was that he locked himself in his room and paced the floor and bent his mind on the construction of a plot. For two or three days he strode two and four, thinking and jotting down his thoughts. That plot was in his brain and soul to the exclusion of all else, and he interrupted the creation of it only when he fell upon the bed from sheer exhaustion. In time the whole story was outlined—thread, characters, tableaux, scenery and all. Then he ordered a bottle of whisky, forbade his landlady to come near his door even with food until he should call for it, sat down and wrote until the falling sheets, tossed finished from his table, lay on the floor like the autumnal droppings of a maple grove. Once in two or three days he would tire, and order a heavy meal to gorge and yet rest himself, and then he would sleep a few hours; then at it again for three days. The novel being accepted, he drew \$40 a week while it ran, and then at the end a lump sum of about \$30 for each week it had run.

When all this was a mere recollection, and his kindness and charity and love of good fellowship had reduced him to a desperate strait, he nerved himself up and wrote another book. Ah, me! It is all a recollection already. To the old fellows it must seem as if the clerks are doing the writing now. The competition is too keen to bear time to Bohemianism. The actors and artists are the only good fellows left.

—Cor. New York Star.

## Lighting and Railway Signals.

The effect of lighting on electrical apparatus of all sorts is a subject on which accurate data seem rather scarce, and its effect on railroad signals especially is a point on which more light is needed. A cardinal principle in signalwork is that in any degree automatic is that they shall show danger in the event of any derangement, and numberless ingenious devices have been invented to provide against the possibility of a signal standing at safety when it has not been intelligently put in that position; but lighting is such a lawless element and may influence electrical apparatus in so many different ways that the counteracting of the harm it may do is no easy task. It may make a ground connection, and thus allow a circuit to appear all right when it is not, being closed at one end and open (without battery) at the other. It may melt fixtures so as to permanently hold a signal in the position it is in at the moment; and again it may change a wire with a current that will actuate the electromagnet and work the signals when the signal man has taken no action whatever.

While the chances of a signal being held any length of time in the safety position from the effects of lightning alone are very small, and while it is probable that nearly or quite all danger in this respect can be guarded against by cautionary instructions to the attendants, it is nevertheless well to make note of all peculiarities noticed, that experience may be compared. —Railroad Gazette.

## Guilty Men in Solitude.

When you consider the constitution of the mind you see how horribly fearful it is. Well, the wilderness, the great outstretching, unhabited woods would be a solitary cell to one of these guilty men, more dreadful because of its size, for when the man is in his little cell he has the companionship of the walls at least, of the grated door, of the chair on which he sits, and beyond him but a few feet he knows there are scores of fellow beings. But place him where he knows there is not a human being within fifty miles, not a thing that man has made—that if he should try to run from his remorse he could not succeed—and then let the sun go down, the shadows deepen and darkness shroud the woods. Let it be a night, when the winds are too wild to move, and all animals lie still, and not a sound be floating in the air. Yes, put a guilty man in the woods on such a night and leave him there. That's enough. God will do the rest. What would be the effect? I think he would repent. He would, or go mad. —W. H. H. Murray's Letter.

## Pictures Upon the Walls.

The influence of dwelling habitually in the presence of a striking work of art can hardly be overestimated, whether the work be of such a character as to debauch or to ennoble. The pencil of the artist is bribed to make the den of vice doubly alluring to the intoxicated senses of the reveler, while the glowing ardor of the religious devotee rises almost to ecstasy as he gazes upon the vivid representation of the crucifixion. As for the pictures upon the walls of the home, so are the pictures hung invisible to all but ourselves in the chambers of the imagination, where, night and day, they make much of the real world in which we live. When we dwell day by day with a picture of human being, the influence of the companionship is hardly greater in the latter case than in the former. —The Cosmopolitan.

## Freeing the Air from Dust.

Professor Lodge's discovery of the remarkable effect of static electricity in freeing the air from dust and vapor has been utilized by Mr. J. G. Lorrain in the construction of an apparatus for dissipating the smoke produced by the discharge of cannon. —Arkansas Traveler.

## The largest university in the world is Oxford, in England. It consists of twenty-one colleges and five halls.

## Growing Demand for Watches.

There has never been a time in the history of the American watch trade when the business was of such vast proportions as now. All the larger factories that have run all summer, as well as those that shut down for a short interval, are behind orders at the present time, with the prospect of the largest holiday demand ever known before them. —Jewelry Journal.

## NEW USE FOR BELLS.

How a Restaurant Manager Obviates the Old System of Hanging Out Orders.

"Where's my ham and eggs?" impatiently asked a man of the waiter in a Clark street restaurant the other day.

"They're a comin' sah, they're a comin'." "But I didn't hear you give the order."

"No, sah; we don't give no orders; we touch de bells." "I've got a new scheme," said the manager, who had overheard the conversation. "I don't know how it is with you, but it takes away my appetite to go into a restaurant where the waiter, when he gets an order, bawls it out at the top of his voice. Now, in some places, after ordering just what you did here you'd hear the waiter shout, 'one in the dark, white wings, hog to come along,' and if you told him that you wanted the eggs cooked on both sides, he'd sing out, 'shipwreck them while we wait.' Of course the cook understands that ham and eggs and a cup of coffee are the articles called for by this order. But to the uninitiated it is all Greek. Waiters' slang is the most complex jargon ever used, and why they use it they are unable to explain themselves. Now, by the system all the noise and confusion are done away with. You never hear any order given, and the waiters are not obliged to leave the dining room. But come with me and I'll show you."

The manager led the way to a table near the center of the room. Upon it were about twenty white buttons, and at the base of each was a label. Every button was capable of transmitting several orders. For instance one of the buttons was labeled "eggs," and upon a card were the following directions: "For boiled eggs, ring once; eggs on toast, twice; scrambled eggs, three times; omelet, four times." It was the same with steaks, as by a different number of rings the distinction between tenderloin, porterhouse and sirloin, rare, medium or well done could be conveyed to the kitchen with as much accuracy and with more speed than by the voice.

"We'll go down to the kitchen and see how that end of it works," remarked the manager, leading the way to a flight of stairs. A savory smell of cooking meat was wafted to the visitor as he descended the stairs. In front of half a dozen big broilers stood as many white jacketed cooks, with equally white caps placed rakishly upon their heads. The manager said that the caps were not worn for adornment, but to prevent hairs and dandruff from falling into the food. "I don't know why it is," said he, "but constant working near a fire seems to have a tendency to cause the hair to drop out. Of course that would never do, so we oblige the men to wear linen head gear in order to prevent any mishaps. Then, too, it looks cleaner, and in a restaurant looks are everything."

Opposite the ranges, surrounded by a little railing, was an annunciator resembling those used in hotels to denote the numbers of rooms. In front of it was seated a lad about 15 years of age with a number of tickets in his hand. Each ticket had a number printed upon it corresponding to the number given one of the cooks. These were called off in rotation, so that each one of the cooks would get the same number of dishes to serve.

Suddenly there was a whirring sound, followed by a quick snap. The boy looked up and saw the word "steak" on a triangular piece of metal. Then came two short rings and a long one. The boy looked at a card and called: "No. 3, tenderloin steak rare, with mushrooms." The triangular piece of metal was put back in its place, and in a trice a juicy steak was sizzling on the iron. It was getting along toward 6 o'clock then, and the orders began to come in thick and fast. "We don't serve anything here but short orders," said the manager, "and, though I have over fifty articles on my bill of fare, I have never found one that could not be ordered by means of the bell. I don't believe there's another system like it in the country, and you can see for yourself how much time and trouble it saves." —Chicago Herald.

## Hog Guessing on Long Island.

The season is rapidly approaching when harvest homes will be superseded by hog guessing, the favorite amusement of Long Islanders. The manner of proceeding is as follows:

Handbills are printed announcing the time and place of the proceedings. The name and assumed weight of the hogs, together with the cost of the tickets, are also advertised. Each person registers his estimate of the weight upon the ticket before surrendering it. Then a hog whose name and assumed weight has been advertised is killed and dressed. The person who guesses the exact weight of the slaughtered animal takes him, or the guess nearest the correct figure entitles the guesser to the meat. "Reckoning" or "allowing" is not permitted. Participants, however, can guess as many times as they are willing and able to pay for the privilege. Some of the swine slaughtered are of enormous dimensions and tip the scales anywhere from 400 to 600 pounds.

Various artifices are resorted to by which the weight of the animals is ascertained or approximated beforehand. Frequently measurements are taken upon which guesses are based, and sometimes the actual weight is ascertained at night. —New York Evening Sun.

## Queer Indian Customs in Brazil.

The Indian prayer meetings in the country are rather a singular admixture of superstition and devotion. A doll is dressed in silk clothes, with candles on each side, a good bit of tinsel work about it and a ribbon tied about its waist. It rests on the table. Eight or ten Indian men stand around one has a large drum, which he beats continually. The women sit on the floor, while the men sing prayers to the saint, the women responding. They commence praying about 7 or 8 o'clock and keep it up two or three hours. Then the women with their little children kiss the ribbons, asking favors of the saint. The men then go through the same ceremony. The saint is then locked up in a box, and dancing commences and lasts the rest of the night. Frequent positions of whiskey are imbibed by the men, coffee and wine by the women. When the men become too drunk to dance longer they retire to their hammocks and sleep until sober. —Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.

## French Love of Glory.

The French claim to be the Romans, and almost everything they undertake to do they refer to a Roman precedent. Glory is one of these things. The English dwell upon the idea of power. The Frenchman has no particular care for power unless it brings him action, admiration and artistic tribute. —"Gall" in Cincinnati Enquirer.

A public school system is to be established in Alaska by agents of the Federal government.

## Noise from Escaping Steam.

The frequency of accidents occurring through horses becoming frightened by the escaping steam of locomotives is attracting a good deal of attention, and in some states the matter has been taken up by the railroad commissions. There is a very simple device on the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago road which prevents all trouble from this source. It is called a blowback, and all waste steam is carried back into the tank. There is no noise from escaping steam whether the engine be standing still or moving. —New York Mail and Express.

I will take 65c on the dollar for a brand new stock of drugs. Call on or address S. T. Major, Receiver, 147 North Main.

Laws of Kansas.

Dassler's compiled laws and laws for '97 for sale at this office at the standard price. 145-1f

Poems.

What young fellow would go and see his girl and not crackle his pecans when they are only 10 cents per pound at the Occidental Grocery, 338 N. Main street. 19-1f

We are making out our new list of property for our printed October list; we request all of those who desire to place their property with us for sale, to call at once; also those having it already listed to come and make any change they may desire. W. O. Riddell & Co., Main street, over Kansas National bank. 111-1f

Special Notice.

The T. Coop business building, corner Maple and La Grange streets is for rent for one year, commencing January 1st. This building has 3 fine store rooms and 18 rooms on second floor, and being near the Garfield University and Watch factory can't fail to be a good place for trade. We desire to rent the entire building to one party for one year rent, payable quarterly in advance. Will rent to only responsible parties and for legitimate purposes. We invite bids handed in on or before Dec. 20th, '97, in accordance with the above. For any information regarding above call at, 235 North Main St. 15-10f

D. M. KIRKBRIDE, Adms. T. Coop estate

New Year's Calls.

Samples of New Year's calling cards can be seen in this office.

Closing out toys at cost at Pavilion, 140 N. Main street. d-17-1f

Will pay \$1 for a Daily Eagle of June 15, 1896, at this office. d19-4f

Ladies' bags at special sale this week at the Pavilion, 140 N. Main street. d-17-1f

Ladies, if you wish to get any pictures framed Hyde & Humble's is the place to go. Their assortment of mouldings, linings and mats is extensive. Their prices are very low and their workmen experienced. 14-1f

Read, and Order What You Should Have, to Comply With the Law.

Each township trustee should have a trustee's record, road record, poor record and a full set of township records and other blanks, worth at least \$5. Also some stationery.

Each township treasurer should have a treasurer's record.

Each township clerk should have a clerk's record and warrant book.

Of course that would never do, so we oblige the men to wear linen head gear in order to prevent any mishaps. Then, too, it looks cleaner, and in a restaurant looks are everything."

Each road overseer should have a road overseer's account book, receipt book and labor receipt book for extra work and a receipt book for material used.

The above should be furnished to the officers of each well regulated township at the expense of the township.

For sale at the EAGLE office. Orders promptly filled by mail or express prepaid. 48-1f w-3-1f

Wanted! Wanted!

One hundred tons wrought and scrap iron wanted; machinery, scrap, copper, brass, zinc and lead, highest cash price. 131-1f

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The Missouri Pacific, "Ft. Scott Route," are now running through Pullman sleeping cars to Kansas City and St. Louis on all night trains daily; also through reclining chair cars on both night and morning trains. This is the shortest line to St. Louis by 35 miles, and the popular line to all points east, north and south. 143-1f

PHILADELPHIA, July 28, 1886.

Wichita Eagle, Wichita, Kan.

Gentlemen:—We have seen one of your Mortgage Loan Registers at the office of the Philadelphia Mortgage and Trust Co., this city, and shall be obliged if you will send this company one similar in all respects to your earliest convenience, and remain, respectfully yours,

THEODORE BROTHINGHAM, Secretary.

65-1f

To County Superintendents.

We have just completed a large number of sets of school records, including the new book (as required by law), register of warrants presented to and paid by treasurer. (Orders filled promptly.)

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Guardian's Sale.

For sale, the north half of the east half of the southwest quarter of section 3, in township 27, range 1 east.

The above described land belongs to the estate of C. C. Allison, and will be on sale for a few days. This land is near the location of the Congregational college.

30-1f

E. B. LEWIS, Guardian for the heirs, office Temple block.

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The S. L. Davidson Mortgage Co. have plenty of money to loan on improved city property, centrally located. Money to loan on farm property. Room in Citizens Bank building. d19-1f

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Passengers for Wellford, for Coldwater and Ashland be sure and take Lake's straight line and save twenty-four hours' time; arrives at Coldwater at 8:30 p. m. 14-1f

The California Travel.

It has been generally known to the public that during the year past, that The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. was not selling round trip excursion tickets except to southern California points. Their agents are now authorized to make the announcement that "The Short Line" is again in the field and from this time forward is prepared to do ticket excursion business to San Francisco and Portland, Oregon in addition to southern California points, allowing the purchaser a choice of any of the different routes returning to Wichita or any of the cities up on the Missouri river. Stop over privileges are allowed going and coming at any point within the limit of the ticket. Free city service from Wichita daily to California, and Free Tourist Sleeping car service. Upon all main line trains these berths will be reserved upon application at the union ticket office.

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